

## USE EXCESS PROFITS AS TAX BILL CLUB

Democrats Plan New Move,  
Fearing Fight on Dual  
Revenue Measure.

McADOO GIVES CONSENT

Republicans Ready for Battle  
—See Strong Effort to De-  
lay Special Session.

Special Despatch to The Sun.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Fearful of the Republican threat to defeat any tax bill embodying taxes for 1919 and different taxes for 1918, Chairman Simmons of the Finance Committee today completed arrangements with the Secretary of the Treasury to try to jam through Congress in an emergency a resolution placing the war excess profits tax on top of the taxes in the present tax law.

The situation which has arisen in Congress as a result of the effort of the Administration Senators to impose next year's taxes now leaves the two in one revenue bill in danger of never getting on the statute books. The Republicans have threatened to block the bill if the 1919 taxes are carried in it. The Democrats have threatened to refuse to pass the bill if the dual feature is knocked out.

Republicans will fight as hard against the Simmons plan for letting the present tax law continue in force with the addition of the war excess profits tax.

Would Delay Special Session.

It is the Democratic plan to have that tax apply only to this year's taxes. By this plan the Democrats would accomplish the main result they seek in the two in one bill. Republican Senators on the Finance Committee pointed out to-day. A special session of Congress, which would be controlled by Republicans in both branches, would thus be postponed considerably and the sway of Democratic power continue that much longer.

Senator Simmons's conference with Mr. McAdoo followed a futile attempt to see the President himself and lay the plan before him. The Senator was told that the President was too busy to see him. He then saw Joseph P. Tumulty, the President's secretary, before conferring with Mr. McAdoo.

The result of the conference was that Mr. McAdoo raised no objection to the plan, and both Senator Simmons and Chairman Kitchen of the House Ways and Means Committee will introduce the taxing resolution in their respective branches of Congress.

In event of the success of this resolution the Republican plan of action will be to talk to death several of the big appropriation bills without which the Government cannot continue. This will necessitate calling an extra session of Congress to pass these bills before July 1 next.

Postal Cut in Fifty Mile Zone.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The amendment to the war revenue bill adopted by the Senate Finance Committee providing for new second class postage rates after July 1 next, made fifty miles, instead of 200 miles, the limit for the old one cent per pound rate, with one and one-half cents a pound applying beyond the fifty mile area.

When the committee yesterday adopted an amendment repealing the present second class zone system and substituting that for one and one-half cents, Chairman Simmons and other members announced that the one cent rate would apply within a radius of 200 miles from mailing points. The amendment actually adopted and now incorporated in the bill, however, provides that the one cent rate is applicable only within the fourth class parcel post zone, which is but fifty miles.

Senators said to-day they understood this zone was 200 miles and some correction to meet the general understanding may be made later.

## HUGHES WARNS OF ABUSE OF POWER

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tenation of governmental activities without courting additional difficulties. "Is it not entirely possible to maintain governmental supervision which will give reasonable opportunity for doing reasonable things instead of seeking to maintain rules of conduct which shackle American enterprise? Neither labor nor the general public gains anything from denying free scope to honest business, and to secure this legitimate freedom it should be the function of government to provide intelligent supervision which will aim at the detection and punishment of abuses and not at the crippling of opportunities rightly used.

"The Webb bill is but a slight advance. It needs the background of large undertakings and wide experience. Moreover, if it is not purged by giving it freedom on foreign soil; and if it is not wrong but beneficial it ought to be encouraged in the interest of industry and trade wherever undertaken.

Danger of Labor Troubles.

"The indications are that we are facing serious labor conditions—it would be idle to ignore this—and every effort should be made to meet them. It has seemed to me that at this time it would be well to have a quick survey of all the important public work in the various States and municipalities which has been held up during the war, and that intelligent effort should be made to set it going as rapidly as possible all over the country to take up the labor slack.

"I assume that this is receiving the attention of officers of the Government. Certainly we should not wait idly for critical conditions to arise. The question of the distribution of labor and the prevention of unemployment, so far as may be, needs at this time the most expert attention. There is a poor outlook for the blessings of peace if men who want to work should be unable to find work at fair wages."

New National Consciousness.

"We emerge from the war with a new national consciousness; with a consciousness of power stimulated by extraordinary effort; with a consciousness of the possibility and potency of cooperation and endeavor to an extent previously undreamed of; with a national pride and enthusiasm springing from our share in the complete victory which finally rewarded the steadfastness, unconquerable spirit and long sustained sacrifices of our brave Allies and to which we had the privilege of making the decisive contribution at the critical moment.

"We know too well the burden of debt, the unfortunate waste of war, the terrible losses in human life, which sum up the price of liberty, but we turn from reflections upon these to greet with eagerness the new opportunities of peace. We come out of the war without losing our senses in dreams of imaginary triumphs and without the feebleness and irresolution of fatigue, but quickened and alert, and determined that neither brute force nor the mad sway of unreason shall destroy our liberty or mock the victory that we have won.

Urges Military Training.

"What are our resources? I speak not of material or of machinery or of mere instrumentalities but in terms of national energy, in terms of man power, which makes democracy workable. Physically we were never so well off. It is difficult to realize what it means to have several millions of young men from every part of the country, from every lot in life, from every vocation, trained and developed physically and returned to their respective communities with heightened capacity and zest.

"And alongside of these are countless thousands who have remained at home, but who have learned of physical shortcomings which they have sought to correct, and whose standards of physical well being have been raised. The return of our boys, thanks to the intelligent care which a loving, proud and generous people have exercised and this new attention to physical conditions, will mean that the substantial basis of progress in sound health has been notably reinforced. This standard we must maintain and for this reason, if for no other, we must have an adequate system of military training which will

save our gains and give each generation the fair chance it deserves.

An Intellectual Quickening.

"And how shall we estimate the intellectual and spiritual quickening due to the experiences of this war, in which the best aspirations of humanity have found outlet in every variety of unified effort? Men of every race, creed and condition have been thrown into contacts engendering the deepest human sympathy, creating that better mutual understanding which comes only in a common struggle where life itself is at stake, while at the same time the unusual discipline has made perception the more keen and judgment the more accurate.

"Woman's adaptability and proved efficiency have given her a new place in our economy and politics. She has been the guardian angel of our forces on land and sea, and as she herself has undergone a most valuable training in the great school of service she brings to the nation fresh resources of vast importance.

"Again, the divisions of bigotry and prejudice have largely been broken down and in countless ways we have learned to work together. Gains like these should be abiding, for they mark not only increase of knowledge and the sharpening of the tools of the mind but an improvement in attitude and appreciation. The new vision is never lost.

Democracy Not a Phrase.

"We are unworthy of our victory if we look forward with timidity. This is the hour and power of light, not of darkness. We have not defeated an insensate ambition to become the victims of our own inability to govern ourselves. We have made the world safe for democracy, but democracy is not a phrase, or a form, but a life, and what shall that life be?

"Some anxiously ask, 'What has become of our form of government?' In saving the world, have we lost our republic? The astonishing spectacle of centralized control which we have witnessed has confused many and turned the heads of some. But this, for the most part, has been the manifestation of the republic in arms, fighting as a unit, with powers essential to self-preservation, which the Constitution not only did not deny but itself conferred.

"So far as we have harnessed our strength for national purposes, we were acting under the Constitution and not in violation of it. But, wherever in the desire to take advantage of the situation for the purpose of fastening some new policy upon the country, there has been resort to arbitrary power through acts unjustified by real or substantial relation to a part of actual war, such acts will receive the condemnation of the people when they are brought to the determination of the proper tribunals.

Many World Problems Too.

"I have been talking of needs at home, but our thoughts are perhaps more engrossed with the coming conference across the sea. Many are busy with world programmes, but I think we shall come nearer to the probability if we consider what will naturally be evolved out of the matters requiring consideration than if we start at the other end and attempt to formulate a plan of world government. A host of matters must be settled at the peace table. General phrases must be defined, and agreements, in terms which are plain, must be made. To an extent rules of international conduct will be laid down.

"Of course these treaties, stipulations and rules, however carefully drawn, will give rise to questions. It is to be expected that provision will be made for judicial determination by an appropriate international tribunal of all questions thus arising and very likely of other questions which may arise between the contracting Powers.

"Further, all needed rules will not be adopted and all questions will not be settled at the coming conference. It may be assumed that provision will

be made for other international conferences, or for what will be in substance international assemblies of a legislative character, where additional rules of international conduct will be established by consent of the nations.

Where Real Assurance Lies.

"And it is to be hoped that the security, particularly of small States, which will be recognized and guaranteed in their national existence, will be assured by the free nations who alone can give perpetuity to the peace which has been won. There will be no disposition to permit the treaties now being signed to be regarded as scraps of paper.

"More than this may be attempted, but let us not be deceived. The only real assurance of the future lies in the spirit which brought England to the aid of France, and Italy to the aid of both, and then at last brought America to the defence of liberty, and while that spirit animates these great peoples, the small nations and the interests of international justice will be secured. If that spirit is enfeebled mere forms of agreements and of international organization will be in vain. There is no hope for the world in an America which loses its virility, its intense national consciousness, and its patriotic ardor. Let us cherish and stimulate the love of country so freely evidenced in the great war, for there is no cause for despair in a republic for which men are willing to die."

Harbor Clock Will Strike Ship's Time

Daniel G. Reid Donates One to Dock Department.

Through the generosity of Daniel G. Reid the city of New York will be able to install at the outer shore end of Pier A, the home of the Department of Docks at the Battery, a clock that will strike ship's time, greet the incoming mariner and speed the outgoing ships.

Mr. Reid thus describes his gift in a letter to Dock Commissioner Hubbert:

"It has been brought to my attention that you are contemplating the installation of a clock in the tower on the outer end of Pier A, North River, and that this clock is to be equipped with a chime that shall strike ship's time—the only universal time throughout the world.

"It would be eminently fitting to consecrate such a clock to the memory of those brave soldier and sailor lads of America who have given their life in order that the spirit of human liberty might be universal among the nations of the earth.

"May I suggest that the sentiment behind your idea so appeals to me that I should deem it an honor to be permitted to present the clock to the citizens of New York to be maintained as a memorial to those of our soldiers and sailors who have died in order that freedom might live?"

RED CROSS HAS LONG JOB.

Sufferers in France Must Receive Much Care.

American Red Cross workers in France will not be free from their labors in the recent fighting regions until long after peace shall have been declared. Judging from their reports, which were made public yesterday at the headquarters of the Red Cross Christmas roll call, 665 Fifth avenue.

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## SEEK PUNISHMENT OF B. R. T. OFFICERS

Wreck Victims, Who Organize,  
Accuse the Members of  
P. S. C. Also.

Directors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company are "not only morally but legally liable" for the wreck of the Brighton Beach train November 1, in which 89 persons were killed and more than 100 injured, according to a report submitted yesterday to the executive committee of the Wreck Victims and Passengers Protective Association by John J. O'Leary, who has been employed as counsel.

The report was adopted, together with a resolution that it be sent to the District Attorney of Kings County with the request that he take action against the directors.

"The committee places itself on record," the resolution reads, "as being determined to resort to the most extreme measures, even, if necessary, appealing to the Governor in order that the ends of justice be fully carried out and that the guilty directors and members of the Public Service Commission be not allowed to escape the consequences of their own misdeeds and omissions because of their great power and influence."

A mass meeting of the wreck survivors in the hall of the Erasmus Hall next Sunday at 3 o'clock, and William L. Betz, P. J. Sullivan and J. Schaefer have been chosen as a committee to draw up a constitution for the association. The executive committee resolved that the organization should not only devote itself to the punishment of every one responsible in connection with the wreck, but that it should be a permanent organization and work to "bring about a complete reformation in the transit situation in Brooklyn."

Mayor Hylan's investigation into the wreck will be continued to-morrow.

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## ELEVATOR ROBBERS FAIL TO GET \$2,300

Three Men Attempt to Get  
Payroll of Brokaw Brothers'  
Employees.

As Abraham Blackberg, elevator boy in the loft building at 237 Lafayette street, was about to close the door of his car yesterday morning, three men suddenly darted into the ascending cage. In the car were Fred Pabst, 54 years old, secretary and Charles Resler, 28, assistant secretary.

Pabst and Resler had just come from the main office of Brokaw Brothers and Resler carried the payroll of \$2,300 which was to be distributed among the 125 tailors of the concern who work in the loft building. The money was in a pasteboard box which was wrapped in a newspaper.

At the fifth floor one of the strangers drew a revolver, called upon Resler to hold up his hands and directed his companions to "get the darby." Pabst fired his revolver at the leading robber and hit him in the face. Resler dropped below the range of the shots that followed and clung to the package of money. Pabst was struck over the head and his scalp opened.

The boy stopped the car at the eighth floor and the robbers backed out, flourishing their revolvers and made their way through various offices to the first floor from which they escaped to a building facing Mulberry street where they disappeared.

Blackberg and Stove Zoonschick, who operated the rear elevator, have been detained by the police.

Richmond "News-Leader" Burned.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 30.—The plant of the News-Leader, an afternoon newspaper, was destroyed to-night by fire which started in the basement and spread through the entire structure. The loss on the building and equipment was estimated at \$250,000. Three employees were severely burned.

ROCHAMBEAU OFF WITH 855.

Nearly Every Passenger Has a Military or Relief Mission.

Among the 855 passengers on the Rochambeau, which left this port yesterday for Bordeaux, were Major-General Claudon of the French army, who is returning to France on a special military mission, and Dr. V. K. Walling, ton Koo, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, who probably will be

one of the delegates from his country to the peace conference at Versailles. Gen. Claudon was accompanied by his daughter.

Other passengers were Ralph Bismuth, a member of the Alsace-Lorraine Reichstag, who was sent to this country on a special mission, and Col. Bousavitt, who is taking back to Poland with him 400 recruits for the Polish army. All but a very few of the passengers were bound for Europe on some specific military or relief project.

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